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## **TechCamp Ramallah Empowers Palestinian Women**



The United States Department of State and the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem launched TechCamp Ramallah on May 2 at the Caesar Hotel in Ramallah. TechCamp is part of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Civil Society 2.0 initiative, announced by Secretary Clinton in her [2009 speech](#)

Eighty women from a range of Palestinian civil society organizations and industries participated in TechCamp Ramallah with a group of international technology experts representing several global information technology heavyweights, as well as leading Palestinian technologists. Click the link to See [TechCamp Facebook Photo Album](#)

See also: [TechCamp Goes to Tel Aviv and Ramallah: Empowering Women and Girls in the Middle East](#)

## **تك كامب رام الله تمكن النساء الفلسطينيات بالتكنولوجيا الجديدة**

أطلقت وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية والقنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس تك كامب رام الله بتاريخ 2 أيار بفندق السيزار برام الله. تك كامب هي جزء من مبادرة وزيرة الخارجية هيلاري كلينتون للمجتمع المدني والتي ألقتها الوزيرة كلينتون في خطابها عام 2009 في المنتدى من أجل المستقبل بمراكش بالمغرب. وتهدف المبادرة إلى حشد سوق التكنولوجيا الدولي لمساعدة قادة المجتمع المدني في العالم عبر تقديم الإمكانيات و الموارد والمساعدة التي تمكنهم من تسخير الأحدث في تكنولوجيا المعلومات.

## **American Consul General Highlights U.S. Commitment to Environmental Conservation with Hebron Boys School**

On May 2, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein visited Hebron and met with Mayor Khaled Osaily, Municipality Director of Education Nasrin Amr and students and teachers involved in the environmental club at the Korean-Palestinian Primary School for Boys in Hebron. He commended the students for their leadership and initiative in raising awareness about local environmental challenges, including water scarcity and pollution, and for acting as responsible stewards of the earth. In commemoration of Earth Day, celebrated internationally on April 22, Consul General Rubinstein participated in planting trees on the school grounds, painting a mural with an environmental theme, and cleaning up the area around a local spring.

Consul General Rubinstein also highlighted the commitment of the United States to support conservation of Palestinian natural resources and promote sustainable development in the West Bank and Gaza. Click the link to see our [Facebook Photo Album](#) from the event



### **القنصل الأمريكي العام يركز على التزام الولايات المتحدة**

### **بالحفاظ على البيئة بالتعاون مع طلبة في الخليل**

بتاريخ 2 أيار، زار القنصل الأمريكي العام دانيال روبنستين الخليل والتقى مع رئيس البلدية السيد خالد العسيلي ومديرة التعليم في الخليل نسرين عمر وطلاب ومدرسين يعملون في النادي البيئي التابع للمدرسة الفلسطينية الكورية الأساسية للبنين في الخليل. وقد أثنى القنصل على الطلاب لمبادراتهم القيادية في رفع الوعي بموضوع التحديات البيئية المحلية، مثل نقص المياه والتلوث ولدورهم المسؤول كمدافعين عن الارض والبيئة. واحياء ليوم البيئة والذي يحتفل به العالم يوم 22 نيسان، شارك القنصل العام في زرع الاشجار في المدرسة وبرسم لوحة بيئية على احدى الجدران وبتنظيف المنطقة المحيطة بنبع مياه.

وأكد القنصل العام روبنستين على التزام الولايات المتحدة بدعم الحفاظ على الموارد الطبيعية الفلسطينية ودعم التنمية المستدامة في الضفة الغربية وغزة.



**Global Public Town Hall with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
**Wednesday, May 16 from 5:00-6:00 p.m (local time)**  
**Opportunity to Submit Your Questions to the Secretary and View Live Webcast**

***Deadline for submitting questions: Monday, May 14 - no later than 3:00 p.m. Local time.***



**On Wednesday, May 16, 2012**, Secretary Clinton will host a public Town Hall meeting with civil society from around the world from 5:00-6:00 p.m. local time as part of the Department of State's "Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society 2012 Summit." During the Town Hall meeting, which the public is invited to participate in, Secretary Clinton will discuss the United States' support for strong, independent civil society, highlight the success of civil society over the past year in pushing for meaningful political and economic reform around the world; and discuss the potential of civil society organizations (CSOs) to transform the international system and address global challenges; and she will take questions from audience members from around the world.

**A live webcast of the public meeting will be simulcast on the Consulate's website ([English](#)); Gaza Virtual Presence Post ([English](#)) and our [Facebook page](#).**

**Viewers may submit text-based and video questions to the Secretary in advance of the town hall meeting. Deadline for submitting questions: Monday, May 14 - no later than 3:00 p.m. local time.**

*Questions must be presented in English or subtitled in English.*

**Video-based questions submissions** must be under 30 seconds, and include a submitter's first name and country of residence. Upload video questions as unlisted links to YouTube.com, and email the links to [civilsociety@state.gov](mailto:civilsociety@state.gov) by no later than 3:00 p.m. local time, Monday, May 14.

**Text-based questions** can be no longer than four sentences and must include submitter's first name and country of residence. Email text-based questions to <mailto:civilsociety@state.gov> by no later than 3:00 p.m. local time on Monday, May 14.



## **[U.S. Official Speaks with Al Quds and Al Ayyam about Continued U.S. Engagement in the Middle East](#)**

The two largest Palestinian dailies [Al-Quds](#) and [Al-Ayyam](#) ran front page articles highlighting their interview with a senior U.S. Administration employee. During the interview, the official discussed key U.S. policies in the Middle East and highlighted U.S. commitment to the peace process and working with Palestinians and Israelis to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

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### **Ghaneeha! Music Camp**



Twelve finalist competitors won the *Ghaneeha!* (Sing it!) Season 3 preliminary regional auditions after weeks of training and competition at Dar al Kalima College and Jericho Conference Center. For these winners, other local partners, Educational Development Corporation (EDC), Al Quds newspaper, and Wattan TV, joined the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem in hosting a six-day music camp in Jericho from April 27 – May 2. The camp included technical and leadership training, theater performances, concert rehearsals, and even community outreach at local home for the elderly.



**[Watch This Video from Ghaneeha Camp](#)**



## **World Red Cross Red Crescent Day – May 8**

All over the world, young people of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement are bringing help and hope to needy people in their communities. An American Red Cross youth volunteer, seen here, entertains children at a shelter following a tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri, in May 2011.

World Red Cross Red Crescent Day is celebrated each year on May 8, the birth of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's founder, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Henry Dunant. The joint themes of World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 2012 are "youth on the move," showcasing the work of young volunteers in the movement, and "sister societies working together," highlighting ways in which Red Cross and Red Crescent societies partner around the globe to protect the lives and dignity of people everywhere.

Today, 149 years after its establishment, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement helps more than 277 million people worldwide.

[اليوم العالمي للصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر، 2012](#)

## **International Day of Families – May 15**

The International Day of Families is observed on May 15 every year.

The theme for 2012 is "ensuring work-family balance" — a tough challenge, given the circumstances facing many families today.

According to the United Nations, 52 percent of women globally are in the labor market. Widespread trends toward smaller households mean extended kin are less available to care for the young and elderly, and employed parents find it difficult to find time to fulfill family responsibilities.

The United Nations urges governments and the private sector to consider methods to create a more family-friendly culture in the workplace. This includes policies that allow parental leave, flexible work hours, and affordable, quality child care. The United Nations also encourages men to do more housework.

The U.N. General Assembly first proclaimed the day in 1993 to promote awareness of the social and economic issues affecting families, which are the core of every society.

[اليوم الدولي للعائلات 2012](#)



## **America House in Jerusalem**

is pleased to announce the following upcoming program  
at our new location in the U.S. Consulate building on Nablus Road

### **Open Hours for the library during May:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

*(Please note: The library will be closed on Thursday May 24 and  
Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day)*

Browse our books and magazines.  
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

## ***English Corner***

Come out and practice your English

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 4:00 PM at America House**

Are you trying to improve your English? Do you find yourself too shy to speak sometimes?

Come to America House and join us for some casual English conversation practice. All levels are welcome – we'll split into groups based on levels. No tests! no quizzes! - just plain fun. This session is for high school and college youth ages 14 and up.

Please bring a picture with you to the session. The picture should be of something that is important to you (examples: your breakfast, your school books, your computer, etc). You can either bring a printed photo, or save the picture to your cell phone. We will use this picture in the activity.

For those of you who have a high level of English, we encourage you to come and join us too and help others to improve their English.

*Please let us know if you can join us, by e-mailing [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov). Also, feel free to bring a friend.*

## ***Coming Soon!***

Invitation to join the America House Film Club  
and  
Quiz Night event

*To be added to America House's mailing list, please e-mail [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov)  
America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*

# **America House - Call for Proposals**

***Application deadline: June 4, 2012***

America House opens its second call for small grant proposals and is looking for innovative projects/programs to be implemented in Jerusalem that focus on one or more of the following:

- Improve mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation between Jerusalemites and Americans;
- Address a cultural, educational, economic, or social issue/ need in the community; and
- Promote shared values and culture.

In addition, proposals should address one or more of these topics:

- Educational
- Civil Society and Democracy
- Social Media
- Cultural
- Youth Engagement
- Science and Technology
- Women Empowerment
- People Living with Disabilities

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of US\$10,000. Proposals that include multiple sources of funding and creative techniques to reduce costs will receive favorable consideration. Working with other partner organizations is encouraged.

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. The applying organization should be a nongovernmental and/or nonprofit organization.
2. Projects should be implemented in Jerusalem and involve primarily Jerusalem participants.
3. Requested budget should not exceed US\$10,000.

## **Instructions for Applying for a Grant:**

- Application may be submitted in English or Arabic
- Send your application in a **Microsoft Word** format
- Limit your grant proposal to a maximum of five (7) **pages (not including CV's)**

**All applications should include a complete grant proposal. The application deadline is June 4, 2012.**

All proposals and questions should be directed to the following email:

JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov

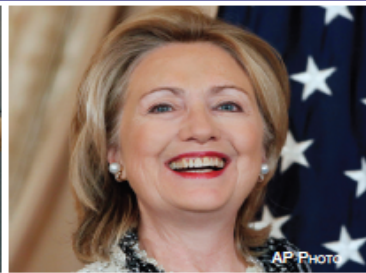
Closing date for application is June 4, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by June 25, 2012.

Good luck with your proposals!

**[GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION](#)**



# MODERNIZING DIPLOMACY: U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN AN AGE OF CONNECTION TECHNOLOGIES



*"Just as the Internet has changed virtually every aspect of how people worldwide live, learn, consume and communicate, connection technologies are changing the strategic context for diplomacy in the 21st century."*

– Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

For Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, modernizing U.S. diplomacy is a strategic imperative. The widespread diffusion of technologies such as broadband Internet, social media and mobile phones requires updating our policies and practices. Connection technologies now increase our impact across the range of diplomatic activities, from public diplomacy to commercial outreach, from disaster response to democracy promotion.

## SUPPORTING U.S. VALUES

Building on "The White House International Strategy for Cyberspace," the State Department is promoting policies that support our values and objectives in cyberspace:

- **Internet Freedom:** The free flow of information online empowers individuals and strengthens societies, but some governments censor and use surveillance to chill free expression and arrest dissidents merely for the opinions they express. In addition to promoting Internet freedom globally, the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) financially support human rights activists in this area.
- **Internet Governance:** Preserving an open, free, and secure Internet requires a stable and effective system of Internet governance. We are committed to the decentralized, "multi-stakeholder" model that includes governments, businesses, academia, and civil society. This has proven capable of solving technical and policy problems to address issues, such as data privacy and protection, intellectual property and taxation.
- **Cybersecurity:** We are strengthening cybersecurity globally by: 1) ensuring that law enforcement agencies have tools to investigate cybercrime and deal with electronic evidence; 2) promoting enactment of cybercrime laws; and 3) creating mechanisms like the G8 24/7 network to ensure international cooperation.
- **Access and Development:** Increasing access to connection technologies promotes development by enhancing economic growth, governance, education, health, anti-corruption, and citizen journalism.

The State Department is working to improve access, particularly for women and other underserved populations.

- **Open Government:** President Obama and Brazilian President Rousseff launched the Open Government Partnership (OGP) to advance global progress on good governance. OGP brings together technology companies, civil society, and government leaders to share innovative practices that promote transparency and accountability, fight corruption and energize civic participation.

## MODERNIZING THE TOOLS OF DIPLOMACY

The State Department offers U.S. diplomats tools and training to increase their impact in a connected world, for example:

- **Travel alerts:** The smartphone-based Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) enables U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to register with the State Department for assistance in the event of emergencies.
- **Human rights and disaster response:** Social media tools enable citizen engagement in Syria and following earthquakes in Haiti and Japan. HumanRights.gov consolidates human rights information across the U.S. government.
- **Economics and business:** Web-based meetings and conference calls enable real-time dialogue between our embassies and Ambassadors and the U.S. business community.
- **Education and culture:** In Tunisia, more than half a million people signed up for a Department-sponsored program offering English language learning via mobile phone.
- **Gender equality:** The Department has partnered with the Global System for Mobile Communication Association (GSMA) to bridge the gender gap in mobile phone ownership.
- **Public diplomacy:** A Persian-language Google+ hangout has enabled the Department's spokesperson to answer questions from inside Iran delivered via prominent journalists.



**The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2013 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2013.

The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. FLTAs work as teaching assistants for their native language (Arabic) to U.S. students, thus strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

**Deadline: July 30, 2012.**

**Fairhaven Project: Science-Maritime Education Program**

The Fairhaven Project at the Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) brings three Palestinians and three Israelis (between 17-19 years old) to the U.S. to NMI's facilities in Fairhaven, Massachusetts from July 1th through August 4th, 2012. NMI covers the visa expenses, round-trip airfare and food and living expenses. The goal is to promote science-maritime education and cooperation between neighboring peoples.

For more information about the program: <http://www.northeastmaritime.com>.

NMI Contact information:

Laura Frazier

32 Washington Street

Fairhaven, Mass. 02719 USA

Email: [laura@northeastmaritime.com](mailto:laura@northeastmaritime.com)

**Deadline: June 1, 2012.**

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## International and Regional News

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[U.S. Envoy Rice at U.N. on Syria, Guinea-Bissau](#)

[كلمة المندوبة الأميركية سوزان رايس حول تعزيز التعاون في مجال مكافحة الإرهاب](#)

[Secretary Clinton on Occasion of Europe Day](#)

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